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c.1840-1900

1138-1108 S. Charles St. (West side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

The west side of the 1100 block of S. Charles St. was originally improved with groups of two story plus attic and small three story, two bay wide, gable-roofed houses that served as combination residential/commercial structures. Only a few of these survive in their original exterior form (1134 and 1124 S. Charles St., which are two story plus attic houses, and 1114 and 1116 S. Charles St., which are three story, gable-roofed houses), the remainder having been enlarged and remodeled after the Civil War to a full three stories in height with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. All currently still serve a combined residential/commercial function. 1118-1120 S. Charles St. is a large three story, four bay wide brick building with shed roof and stepped roofline. The facade has been faced with cut stone and there is both brownstone and stamped sheet metal, Classical Revival style trim. This structure was built around the turn of the century to serve as a department store, as it still does today.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1128-1130 S. Charles St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
☐ ACCESSIBLE  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of three story, two bay brick buildings with shed roofs and bracketed cornices represent enlargements of the original gable roofed houses that were built on this site in the 1840's and formed part of a group of such houses extending along this side of Charles St. The first floor areas of both buildings have been converted into store-fronts.

The buildings are three stories in height, 15' wide, and occupy lots 148' deep. Each house has a two story, two bay rear addition. 1128 S. Charles has a later one story high, five bay deep addition; 1130 S. Charles has an extra two story high, one bay deep addition, followed by a two story high, one bay deep frame addition and a one story high, two bay deep frame addition. The buildings are constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a continuous stamped sheet metal cornice, consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set over a row of egg-and-dart designs and a lower molding strip. Five brackets (for the pair of houses) support the cornice and connect it to a lower molding strip. The two end brackets terminate at their upper edges in plain, rounded "anthemions." The brick freize area formed between the cornice and the lower molding strip is punctuated by four punched metal ventilating panels. Each house has a rear end chimney located at the west end of the first two bays of the rear addition.

1128 S. Charles St. has a new brick facade which has covered the original window lintels. The second and third floor window openings at 1130 S. Charles St. have segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll-sawed tympanums. The sills on both houses are rustic stone. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The first floor areas of both houses have been converted into store-fronts. That at 1128 S. Charles is modern with a new brick facade and a cornice of aluminum siding. One flush door and one panel door flank a new window set centrally in the facade. At 1130 S. Charles St. the store-front has a late Victorian glass and panel door set beneath a single light transom, set diagonally to the facade in the southernmost bay of the building. A three-sided projecting plate glass shop window set on a paneled wooden base is located to the right of the door. A cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a row of dentils and a plain freize area runs across the entire store-front and is supported by one carved bracket at its southern end.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1836-40 orig./enl. 1880's BUILDER/ARCHITECT William Coale (original)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 1134 S. Charles St.

These house are representative of a fairly large number of houses in the Federal Hill area that were originally built in the 1840's and 1850's as gable-roofed houses but which were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable, Victorian style, with the front roof gable being raised and rebuilt as a shed roof, and a modern bracketed cornice added. This pair of houses seems to have been built as two story, gable-roofed houses, or perhaps, two story plus attic houses, similar to the neighboring house at 1126 S. Charles St.

The houses were built by William Coale on land leased to him in 1836 by Alexander Gould.<sup>1</sup> The houses are particularly interesting for the fact that Coale sold both houses, in 1840-41, to free colored men. He sold 1128 S. Charles St. to a Henry Johnson, a drayman, for \$600 and Johnson lived here until 1845. Coale sold 1130 S. Charles St. to a David Chaplin, also a drayman.<sup>2</sup> The house stayed in Chaplin's family after he died, passing to an Alfred B. Prout who married his widow. Prout, a carter, retained the house until 1885, when he sold the property to James Graham, who already owned 1128 S. Charles St.<sup>3</sup> It was Graham, then, who enlarged and remodeled the houses, living in 1128 S. Charles St. and selling 1130 to a John Schikner, who had a stove store at this location.<sup>4</sup> Graham was the clerk of the Cross St. Market.

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Land Records, Liber TK 278, Folio 95

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., Liber TK 296, Folio 535; ED 96, Folio 392; Baltimore City Directory, 1840-1, 1842

<sup>3</sup>Ibid., Liber ED 96, Folio 393; Liber JB 1068, Folio 145; B.C.D., 1858-59, 1880

<sup>4</sup>Ibid., Liber JB 1107, Folio 75; B.C.D., 1886, 1887

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 15' x 148' each

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. &amp; Eccles

DATE

4/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

S. HANOVER

ST. 66'

W. CROSS

W. WEST

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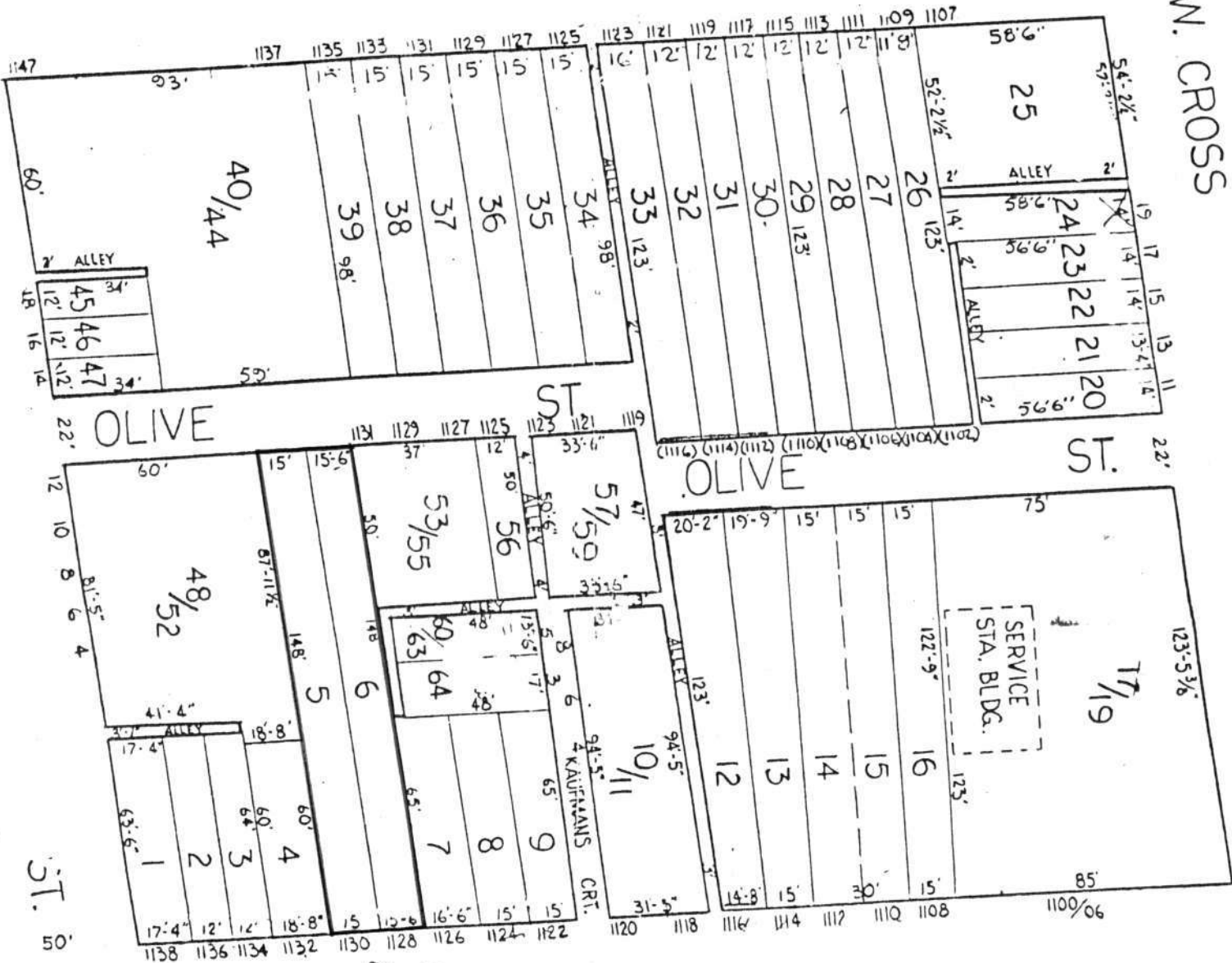
ST. 50'

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S. CHARLES

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ST. 66'





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Block 0949 Lots 006-005  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







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1128-1130 S. Charles St.

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East elevation